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install new sighting mechanisms in all the T-34 tanks stationed in East Germany. The sighting mechanisms would be delivered by the Zeiss Plant in Jena, and the required switch boxes would be manufactured in Wuensdorf. also mentioned a "night set", with which he could make a lot of money in West Germany. However, he was subject to such a strict control that he did not dare cross the border. According to the informant, tags in different colors authorizing their bearers to enter specific areas of the tank repair shop in Wuensdorf would soon be issued.

Comment. The development of a night sighting mechanism which is based on the use of infra-red rays is believed possible, because pertinent experiments were made by the German Armed Forces during the last year of the war. Night firing by Soviet tanks was, allegedly, observed in Weisswasser and Dessau.

There is therefore a possibility that the Soviets have developed a night sighting mechanism serviceable for use in the field and which they now install in their tanks. As the Wuensdorf installation is presumably the main repair shop for T-34 tanks, it is credible that the sets are being installed there.

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